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SUBJECT: ILLICIT PAYMENTS

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1. BEFORE DISCUSSING OIL PRICES WITH MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY ABDESSELAM (ALGIERS REFTEL), I HAVE HIM PIECE OF PAPER PARAPHRASING STATE REFTEL ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS AND SUMMARIZED IT ORALLY, IMPHASIZING THAT WE WERE SERIOUS ABOUT COOPERATION AND HOPED FOR ALGERIAN SUPPORT IN ECOSOC, BUT THAT LIAISON WOULD HAVE TO BE THROUGH GOA AGENCY HAVING LAW ENFORCEMENT POWERS.

2. I ALSO NOTED WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN ANY INFORMATION GOA COULD PROVIDE US ON ILLICIT ACTIVITIES INVOLVING AMERICANS AND THAT CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIONS WOULD BE LAUNCHED IF THERE WAS ENOUGH EVIDENCE. HE SAID THAT THE ONLY CASE IN WHICH THEY HAD ANY FIRM EVIDENCE WAS THAT OF CHEMICO. THEY KNEW OF ONE OTHER CASE, IN WHICH "THE GROUP" HAD APPROACHED A US FIRM FOR PAYMENT OF ILLICIT FEES, BUT THE COMPANY OFFICIAL INVOLVED WAS UNWILLING TO TESTIFY BECAUSE HE HAD BEEN THREATENED BY THE GROUP.

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